

#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

Headquarters, Engineer Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division Unit 24141 APO AE 09169



## **COMMAND POLICY**

POLICY NUMBER: 6-1 Proponent: AETV-THQ- A Date: 1 JANUARY 2006

SUBJECT: Command Policy Memorandum, Commander's Philosophy

REFERENCE:

PURPOSE: To inform all Engineer Brigade personnel understand the Brigade Commander's

Command philosophy.

### **GENERAL**:

- 1. <u>VISION</u>: Our goal is directed at one objective: A BRIGADE PREPARED TO GO TO WAR. My command philosophy is centered on this goal with the following principles providing the foundation for excellence: (a) Leadership by example; (b) Focus on combat; (c) Power Down; (d) Strong unit identity; (e) Caring; (f) High standards and discipline; (g) Teamwork; (h) Consistent excellent performance; (i) Leader development; (j) High ethics; and (k) Safety. These *pillars of excellence* combined with *integrated maneuver training, sustained readiness standards, and effective Family Readiness Groups* dictate our overall combat readiness. A high level of combat readiness will guide us through successful mission accomplishments. *In summary, focus on fundamentals and people*.
  - a. Leadership by example: Lead with actions vs. talk; Entire chain of command involvement
  - b. Focus on combat: Prepare/ train for combat; METL orientation; Rehearse/ conduct AARs
  - c. **Power Down**: Decentralized operations; Mission type orders; Allow honest mistakes
  - d. **Strong unit identity**: Pride, attitude, and mission purpose; Recognize accomplishments
  - e. Caring: People business is essential; (+) command climate; Timely admin; QOL initiatives
  - f. High standards and discipline: Do things right the first time; Tough PT; Fair/timely UCMJ
  - g. **Teamwork**: A way of life; Individual commitment; Dependability; There is no "I" in team
  - h. Consistent excellent performance: Performing well without peaking; Stability; Predictability
  - i. Leader development: Counsel/ train; Intent/ initiative; Be in charge; Accountability; Mentor
  - j. **High Ethics**: Integrity/ Loyalty/ Professionalism are unyielding; EO effectiveness
  - k. **Safety**: Constant leader involvement daily; Assess/ reduce risks; Maintain standards

Excellent units are full of pride and want to take care of soldiers. Sacrifice to send soldiers to schools, ensure timely promotions, take programmed leave, resolve personnel problems at lowest level, and consistently ask for soldier feedback to sustain excellence. Clarify objectives and priorities in order to plan appropriately. Use our METL and FM 25-100 to focus training while following established SOP's and battle drills. Plan training, teach the leaders, recon the site, issue orders, rehearse, execute, AAR, and retrain until the standard is met. Additionally, maintenance of all equipment and SKO's is necessary to ensure mission accomplishment. Deployability is a constant leader requirement to sustain our readiness standards. Our mission requires a high state of combat readiness, which includes well-established Family Readiness Groups providing the necessary structure for units to interact on family and soldier issues.



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